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The B&B Blues Band performs to a dancing crowd during the Gooderham Music Festival on Saturday, July 29 at the Robert McCausland Community Centre in Gooderham. The day also featured music by tribute band Ed's Garage, the Rockin' Bobs, and the Salt Cellars. /TIM YANO Special to the Echo

County pilot project uses 'citizen scientists' to test lake health

JAMES MATTHEWS

Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

Haliburton County has rallied a research group that employs a unique grassroots-like approach to monitor lake

water quality.

The county has gotten the U-Links Centre for Community-Based Research to embark on the Haliburton-wide Water Quality Monitoring pilot project.

And county council heard July 26 that the effort's use of "citizen scientists" has been effective on a number of fronts. So

much so that a two-year extension of the pilot project was suggested.

Andy Gordon, the group's director, said many organizations and levels of governments have been keeping an eye on water quality and its management. Water quality protection has been done by way of septic system inspections,

shoreline health, water testing and education programs.

He said lake associations have identified a need for standardized protocol that would be suitable for them to gather information about water quality to be forwarded to their members. The U-Links

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Kilcoo director accused of assault; court claims filed

EMILY STONEHOUSE
Staff Reporter

Trigger warning: Please note that the following article outlines references of sexual misconduct towards a minor and acts of sexual assault, which may be upsetting to some readers.

The well-known Kilcoo Camp just south of Minden has made the news, and not for any of the right reasons. The prestigious camp’s former director, David Latimer, was accused of sexual misconduct that arose in the 1990s and early 2000s. Two cases were put forward, with the plaintiffs identified as J. Doe # 1 and J. Doe # 2. Due to the ages of the plaintiffs at the time of the alleged incidents, both cases are currently seeking a sealing and non-publication order on their names.

At this time, none of the claims have been tested in court.

In the claim made by J. Doe # 1, who was born in 1983, the plaintiff attended a week-long outdoor education program at Kilcoo for two years in a row, in approximately the years 1990 to 1993. Latimer, born in 1962, who, as the director of the camp at the time, was responsible for facilitating the activities for the week. Through this, Latimer developed a close relationship with J. Doe # 1, buying them personalized gifts and showering them with extra attention.

Towards the end of the week, Latimer told J. Doe # 1 that he wanted to take them “somewhere special” that would be a “secret” and warned them not to tell anyone. In the claim, Latimer proceeded to trap J. Doe # 1 against the wall, and continued to kiss and grope J. Doe # 1 above and below their clothing.

After the assault, Latimer told J. Doe # 1 that they were now in a romantic relationship. This “relationship” included exchanged cards, letters, photos, and telephone calls. It continued on for three to four years, before Latimer saw J. Doe # 1 once again in-person, at which point, he introduced someone else as his girlfriend.

“Over time and throughout their young adulthood, the effects of the psychological trauma inflicted by Latimer’s sexual assault intensified,” reads the claim brought against Latimer on July 27, 2023. “J. Doe #1’s mental health suffered acutely, eventually causing them to lose their job, withdraw from their social network, and move back home with their parents.”

J. Doe # 2 was between the ages of 12 and 14 when they attended an outdoor education program at Kilcoo Camp in approximately 2001 to 2003. During this first stay at Kilcoo, she met Latimer, and he would engage in “extra” efforts to make her feel seen. “Latimer developed a close relationship with J. Doe #2,” reads the claim made by the plaintiff. “He gave her an affectionate nickname and told

her that she was special. The attention made J. Doe #2 feel valued, and she began to idolize Latimer.”

J. Doe # 2 continued to attend the camp as she grew, and at the age of 15, became a junior counsellor. She maintained a close relationship with Latimer and his family, including his minor daughter. Latimer continued to hyper-fixate on J. Doe # 2, and gave her special privileges to gain his trust over the years. At the age of 19, J. Doe # 2 was approached while privately undressing by Latimer, (who was in his late 40s at the time), who groped her while blaming her ‘irresistible sexual energy’, as cited in the claim.

Latimer proceeded to assault J. Doe # 2 with sexually explicit phone calls and texts, pornographic videos, non-consensual groping and fondling, and continued indecent exposure over a number of years.

Both plaintiffs are claiming more than \$1.5 million in total compensation, from both Latimer and Kilcoo Camp, citing both parties as liable for the assaults. “The relationship between Latimer and Kilcoo Camp is sufficiently close,” states the claims, “and Latimer’s wrongful conduct is sufficiently connected to conduct authorized by Kilcoo Camp, to render Kilcoo Camp vicariously liable for Latimer’s actions.”

Up until very recently, Latimer had been the director of Kilcoo since 1985, as well as the director of community life at Greenwood College School in Toronto, where he left in 2023 following rumours that he violated boundaries with a handful of minor students at the facility.

Upon the allegations at Kilcoo, Latimer stepped down immediately, as was noted in a letter sent out to upcoming Kilcoo camp families. Kilcoo Camp offered a statement to the *Echo* in light of the allegations, stating that “Upon learning of a potential claim, Kilcoo immediately made leadership changes and Mr. Latimer is no longer Camp Director, he is not on site, and is not involved in operations of the organization. We will cooperate with any investigation. The safety of our campers and staff is always our top priority.”

The crux of both claims was the forced coercion on behalf of Latimer, as well as the lack of consent. “Consent must be active and ongoing,” the claims stated, “submission does not equal consent.”

Beyond sending the *Echo* the detailed statement of claims for J. Doe # 1 and J. Doe # 2, the lawyers representing the plaintiffs, Gillian Hnatiw and Anna Matas stated that they will not be making further comments on the cases at this time.

The *Echo* will continue to report on this story as new developments take place.

If you or someone you know is facing assault, contact Kawartha Haliburton Victim Services at 705-878-5505 or 1-800-574-4401, www.victim-services.org.

Curbing climate change can make life affordable, says McKay

JAMES MATTHEWS
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

Completing an inventory of Haliburton County’s natural assets could be an avenue to pursue to better measure the level of carbon captured in the effort to stifle greenhouse gases.

The county adopted in June its Community Climate Action Plan, which outlines how local greenhouse gas emissions can be curbed. The plan outlines six strategies.

Strategy 1 is to shift away from the personal vehicle. Strategy 2 is to switch to zero-emission vehicles. Strategy 3 calls for homes, cottages and buildings to be retrofitted to become more energy efficient.

Strategy 4 encourages low-carbon development. Strategy 5 involves the local acceleration of low carbon energy production.

And the county’s natural assets will be protected as part of the final and sixth strategy.

Mayor Murray Fearrey said during council’s July

25 meeting that the county is steeped in nature with so many lakes, robust forests, and few greenhouse gas emitting vehicles on the roads. So why isn’t the region already carbon neutral?

Kory McKay, the county’s climate change coordinator, said there’s currently no means to locally measure how close the region is to being carbon neutral. But devising a means to accomplish that could be a priority in the action plan.

“We don’t necessarily have the tools to measure the carbon-capture from all of our trees in the community, so that’s an action in the plan that we can work toward,” McKay said.

“Creating an inventory of our natural assets and then try to convert that into the amount of carbon that’s captured.”

McKay has been presenting the action plan to each of the lower tier municipalities and inviting councils to choose a representative to take part in an action plan

Pilot project creates informed population

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Centre's "Testing the Water" pilot program aims to accomplish just that, he said.

The program establishes a standardized water quality monitoring program that can be scaled across the entire region and can be used to look for trends across county watersheds.

"We can actually use the results to look at the possible negative impacts of over usage or usage on lakes or things that might result from, for example, climate change," Gordon said.

Samples are taken three times a year: June, July, and from below ice in winter. He said that winter testing is unique to the Haliburton program.

"There's been very little information ever done in term of winter sampling on lakes in Ontario," he said.

In Haliburton County, 10 lake associations participated in the pilot program this year. That entails 25 lakes with 35 water quality sampling sites.

Of more than 1,000 water quality measurements that were collected, 600 samples were sent to private labs for assessments.

Gordon said there are consulting companies that can do the work of the pilot project. But, he said, it would cost the county considerably more than the \$35,000 that funds the current program.

The collaborative approach enables the program to be done cheaper. Quite simply, it was done with the cooperation of "citizen scientists" who volunteered their time, gasoline and boats, enthusiasm, and time to collect water samples.

"Through their (volunteers) participation, you have an incredibly informed population growing out there that is concerned about water quality issues," Gordon said.

"And the second thing is that, because we involved youth in our programs, we're able to merge or encourage the group of younger people to interact with more elderly people."

He said there was an information



A moose stands in a wetland. /Submitted by Tammy Nash

exchange in both directions.

"Given where society is today, it certainly is a positive thing," he said. "The youth can certainly learn from the elders and vice versa. Not all the information exchanged was related to water quality."

Jim Price, a volunteer with a U-Links, said the project delivered eight lake association reports with one reference lake report. A full comprehensive report of each of the lakes at the end of the first year. And a comprehensive Year 1 summary report.

Price said all the information has been made public.

Much was learned about the logistics of the program, too.

"We did have a few setbacks," he said.

Nine of 10 lake associations were able to complete sampling with basic training. One association struggled with sample because of such things as boat access, volunteer recruitment, or data submission. That association had five lakes unconnected. That meant five boats with five teams.

"So we had to step up and help them out a little bit," Price said.

The coordination of lab sample collection and shipping required more effort than planned.

And the effort to write reports was greater than anticipated, but exemplars have been developed for writing future reports.

The pilot stage is due to wrap up this year after the winter testing is done, and Price said it's been suggested that a two-year extension be considered.

"We want to maintain the citizen science approach with the lake associations," he said.

However, U-Links would like to increase lake association participation to 25 from the initial 10. That would yield more sampling sites.

The estimated cost for 2024/25 would be \$175,000. The current cost for the 2022/2023 project is about \$120,000.

The county's proposed contribution would be \$55,000 for 2024 and \$45,000 for the following year. U-Links will kick in \$20,000 from fundraising.

"Should council decide to proceed with the next phase, this will bring Haliburton County to a level parallel to Kawartha to the south, Muskoka to the west in terms of our technical delivery capability for probably a lot cheaper than if you had hired consultants or another way to do this," Price said.

"You're really getting a leg up to move

toward what our other close areas in Ontario are delivering."

Warden Liz Danielsen, the mayor of Algonquin Highlands, said the county has committed to looking at water quality and its economic impacts. The pilot program takes them a long way toward that, she said.

She asked why council received only one of the promised reports.

Gordon said county staff received all the reports whereas council got the one summary sample report to save them from having to wade through all 10 reports.

Councillor Jennifer Dailloux, Algonquin Highlands' deputy mayor, said the decision whether or not to continue the project is a no-brainer.

"Data is king and you are presenting us with data that we can then use to make better policy decision for what we can do onshore," she said. "What we have the least jurisdiction over is the water itself."

Councillor Bob Carter, the mayor of Minden Hills, said the program should be extended. He suggested council agree to the extra two years and then earmark the coin when it comes time to do the budget.

Danielsen agreed. If council can obtain a truck and budget for it the following year, the same can be done with the lake health program extension.

Council decided to support the program extension in principal and include it in next year's draft budget for consideration.

"I think gentlemen what you heard generally is that we really do support the work that you're doing and we'd like to see it move forward, but we do have to be very cautious about our budgets," Danielsen said.

"Please note: This edition of the Echo was completed prior to the long weekend due to the Civic Holiday on Monday, Aug. 7."

Mayor says climate efforts penalizes people

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advisory group.

Dysart et al. will be represented by Deputy Mayor Walt McKechnie on the panel.

Fearrey said more than half the world isn't paying attention to the importance of carbon neutrality. He's read that, if Canada was carbon-neutral, it wouldn't fix one per cent of the problem worldwide.

"To me, we're penalizing people, mak-

ing people poor, suggesting they buy electric cars and you'd have to be on the Sunshine List to even buy an electric car," Fearrey said.

"We're causing poverty sometimes here maybe when we're overdoing it. I wouldn't deny for a second there's climate change. There's been climate change for 1,000 years here."

We need to know how to deal with that change in the world's climate, he said.

McKay said Canada's population is

smaller on the global scale. But, per capita, the country's carbon footprint is large.

She agreed electric vehicles are expensive. But there are other ways to save people money while diminishing the carbon footprint.

"There are many ways in which we can take action on climate change and actually make life more affordable for people," she said.

Making homes more energy efficient reduces costs to families and decreases

greenhouse gas emissions, she said.

"There's lots of strategies that can actually make life more affordable for people while tackling climate change," McKay said.

Fearrey asked if it's realistic to think local change could have global impact.

There's a global pact called the Paris Agreement that countries has signed onto, she said.

"So countries are making commitments in working toward this," McKay said.



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A walk on the wild side

EMILY STONEHOUSE

Staff Reporter

We're always running. Setting alarms on our cell phones and scheduling meetings to catch up. It's a time where we hear "I don't have the time" daily, and priorities are jumbled like word searches.

But all around us, animals exist. They thrive in nature, living at their own pace, recognizing their needs, and creating this ecosystem we all need to exist in. "We are so lucky to have the animals we have in Canada," Monica Melichar, founder of Woodlands Wildlife Sanctuary, told me as we swatted at mosquitoes on a sunny July day, "it's all so wild here."

Monica had invited me out to visit the sanctuary, tucked into the heart of the infamous Blairhampton Triangle in Minden.

As a lifelong animal lover, I thought it would be a day of petting baby critters and feeding teeny tiny birds.

But it was more than that. It was a day that was bustling and busy, a day of mixing up raw foods, and checking on animals that may not survive. It was a day of learning, of observing, and above all, witnessing selflessness. I walked away with my mind swirling with facts, figures, and ideas; a thirst for learning more, and an ache in my heart for the impact humans have on the natural world.

The early days

When asking Monica when the concept for Woodlands started, she laughed and started with, "well, when I was born ..."

I had just sat down at the patio furniture outside the rehab centre; where four volunteers were bustling about, intaking a new bird and finishing up the morning



This baby skunk was found in the parking lot at the Minden Home Hardware, approaching people as it is assumed the mother was killed. It's being raised at Woodlands before it will be released back into the wild. /EMILY STONEHOUSE staff

feedings. Monica had checked on a few animals before running through the plans for the day, and then joining me outside.

"I was born to work with animals," she told me, referencing times that she would try to help baby birds who had hit buildings when she was growing up in

Toronto. "I just needed to save the lives that were harmed by human intervention."

That passion carried on through her upbringing, which led her to study zoology at university before becoming a foster parent with the Newmarket Humane Society. Before long, Monica opened her own pet store in Keswick, where she focused on both domestic and wild animals. "I was just kind of the local animal go-to person."

On top of the zoology degree, Monica learned about wildlife rehabilitation simply through trial and error. "I have learned a lot from my mistakes," she said, noting that wild animals are significantly different from domestic animals. "It's a constantly evolving learning experience."

In the 1990s, she became an authorized wildlife custodian, which formalized her training in working with wild animals. After rehabbing creatures for nearly 30 years, Monica and her husband moved up to the Haliburton Highlands. "We had no intention of opening a rehab centre here," she chuckled, "we tried to come up to relax, but there was such a need for it when we arrived."

In 2010, Woodlands Wildlife Sanctuary opened as a registered charity, and today, has grown to accommodate a base of nearly 30 volunteers, 45 acres of land, and over 800 animals treated each year. "We usually admit around three or four animals each day," she shared as she sipped her tea from her travel mug, a Woodlands sticker on the front.

As we were chatting, a young robin settled near our table. "Hi Robbie," Monica said, in a tone that was lulling and calm. "How do you recognize each animal you've treated?" I asked, genuinely curious. "It's like a baby crying or a dog barking," she told me, "you just know."

All in a day's work

Once Monica and I wrapped up our chat on the history of the facility, I was led inside to meet the volunteers. At this point, the morning feeds were wrapping up, but the buzz from the volunteers was still alive and well. Questions were called back and forth about how the foxes were doing, how the seagull was managing, and how Bailey was eating today

(I learned later that Bailey was a porcupine). The word "mealworm" was tossed casually into conversations, and I heard it more in those five minutes than in the 31 years prior to that moment in my life.

I was introduced to Christina Carere, a veteran of Woodlands. She was eager to take me alongside during her rounds of the property.

The common denominator for each volunteer with the facility is compassion. A love for animals, and a belief that every little life is worth saving.

But there is also an air of reality to the rehab centre. "The nursery is like a hospital," Christina said, as we started our tour, "we are not a tourist destination." She shared that there is an MNR regulation in place that states that if the animal shows no signs of surviving on its own outside the facility, (eg., if birds cannot fly again or ground animals cannot gather food), then Woodlands is mandated to humanely euthanize the animals. The centre is designed strictly for rehabilitation and education, not as a farm or petting zoo.

Christina shared that with me right off the bat. It's not always easy. Like anything in the natural world, where there is life, there is death. "But we always have to try," she said, "they all deserve a second chance."

We jumped right into the turtle corner of the nursery, where three young painted turtles had just had their shells glued back together. While the injuries are raw and rough, the turtles must be kept on a close watch to be mindful of bacteria, but there was one turtle who was missing a small chunk of his front left leg. The wound had completely healed, and the turtle was walking on it. "We are going to call his finder today," shared Christina, beaming.

"Finders" are the kind folks who find the animals; whether they be injured, abandoned, or sickly, and bring them to Woodlands for that second chance. If the animal is treated and deemed healthy enough to join the wild once again, those finders are contacted, and tasked with returning the critter where they were found, ready for a fresh start.

Christina walked me through the bird section, where I met a crow with a broken leg, a kestrel with a spinal injury, and a yellow-bellied sap sucker who was found abandoned, but has discovered a particular affinity for mixed berries during his stay at Woodlands. Christina greets each animal by calling herself "Auntie Chris is here to say hello!" before checking their food, clean water, and bedding.

We met three young skunks, who were discovered in the Minden Home Hardware parking lot. Despite how cute they were, I was nervous to go near them. "Don't worry," Christina said, "skunks give lots of warning when they are about to spray." She noted some signs were stomping, followed by raising of the tail, and then the final sign: when you see both the raised tail, and eye contact from the skunk. They can't spray without looking where it's going.

Beside the skunks was a tiny opossum, tucked into a handknit nest. He was discovered inside the pouch of his mother, who had been killed on the road. While opossums are not native to the area, Christina said that they often curl up into the bottom of trucks and end up accidentally relocating as the truck moves. "When we release this guy, we will bring him back south, where they belong," she said. While they are often seen as pests, the marsupials are helpful as their diet consists of ticks, which run rampant in the area.

Each critter has a little clipboard by

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A day at Woodlands Wildlife Sanctuary

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their crate, which indicates where they were found, when they were admitted, and some details on whatever ails them. As we visited each animal, Christina checked each clipboard to make sure she was up to date on each and every visitor to Woodlands.

After saying hello to two tiny snapping turtles, who were over a year old and fit into the palm of my hand, we moved outdoors.

While we began to visit the outdoor animals, Christina taught me to knock on each door, and always locate each animal inside their enclosure before setting foot inside. "They're still wild animals," she reminded me.

Our first visit was to a porcupine and her baby, known as a porcupette, which in my humble opinion as a lover of words, is one of the cutest words in the English language.

The mother was discovered recently hit on the side of the road. Upon admission to Woodlands, it was noted that she was producing milk, which meant that there was a baby out there somewhere. For four days, the finder of the mother scoured the same length of road where she was found. Finally, he discovered the baby, hiding in the woods, waiting for her mother to return.

The finder brought the baby to Woodlands to join the mother, who, after being previously lethargic and unwilling to cooperate, cheered up at the sight of her baby. The two are on the road to recovery now, and Christina shared that the finder will be contacted soon to return the duo to the wild.



I went on to visit a young fisher, six fox kits, a family of hawks, a Canada Goose named General who trains all the goslings how to swim, one particularly vocal red squirrel, another porcupine named George, and Marsha, a young fawn who was born in a swamp, and her umbilical cord had gotten infected, resulting in her being abandoned. She was getting her second chance to grow at Woodlands. They all were.

Seeking compassion

With over 200 animals onsite that day, Christina shared that summer is their

busy time. "This is when all the babies come in," she said, noting that over the fall and winter, it's more about injured animals, than raising young ones who have been abandoned or orphaned. This is why at the beginning of each summer, Woodlands is actively looking for volunteers to join their team, and tend to the increasing needs of wild animals in the area.

Because it takes a special person to care about animals. About the miniscule pink mice whose parents were killed. About the tiny squirrel with a broken leg. About the scrappy fox with wild in his eyes.

Monica Melichar, the founder of Woodlands Wildlife Sanctuary, feeds Marsha, a young fawn, a bottle of milk. Summer is the busiest time for the wildlife rehabilitation centre with the young animals needing help. For the full story, see inside this issue.
/EMILY STONEHOUSE Staff

About the turtle who looks too far gone to ever recover.

"There's no such thing as a pest," said Monica, "every life matters, and every life has a purpose for our balance in this world."

The majority of the animals at Woodlands are there as a direct result of human interference; whether that be cars, destroying of habitats, or the insane concept of capturing wild animals to tame as domestic pets, before noting that they were too wild, and abandoning them in the woods to fend for themselves. Several animals, including a fox, had been found wearing cat collars or had indications of being too socialized, and were struggling to survive in the wild.

While humans may be the root to so many of these problems, they are also the reason that the sanctuary exists in the first place. The kindness and selflessness from volunteers, the dedication from the finders, the hope and belief that every little wild life matters.

So maybe we should all take a break from always running. From setting alarms on our cell phones and scheduling meetings to catch up. Maybe, while we watch these animals get their second chances, we should take a note from them; to live with a purpose, at our own pace, while respecting and truly appreciating the natural world around us.

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Forever in our memories: Creighton Feir

Pink coloured glasses

LAST TUESDAY, after work, I threw on a bright pink sweater and made my way to Highlands Cinemas with a friend.

To see Oppenheimer, of course.

When we got there, we were all giggles and laughs, sitting at the back row of the theatre, watching the seats steadily fill with other pink sweater-wearers and gigglers.

I heard a few things about the movie before going in.

In my head I still thought, “But it’s Barbie. It has to mostly just be a silly movie with lots of pink.”

I looked forward to a little break from the real world.

And for the first little bit, it was.

We laughed at the jokes and Ken’s character, dreamed about living in Barbie’s Dream House.

Up until the real message started seeping through my rose-coloured glasses.

I had a hard time laughing my way through once it became clear.

It was hitting too close to home, for me – for every woman.

Exactly how the creators planned it.

The entire movie is satire exposing our society’s patriarchy.

It’s all disturbing, every aspect of how this has been engrained in all genders for centuries, how that intergenerational issue affects each and every person in this society differently.

But I keep going back to those rose-coloured glasses in particular.

I felt really silly in pink.

I wanted to take my sweater off in the cool theatre, sitting under the air conditioning.

I could feel my eyes welling up, from sadness and anger, particularly at the part of the movie where actress America Ferrera reads the monologue.

It’s too long to include in a 600 word editorial, but I’d highly suggest looking it up.

It took director Greta Gerwig

months to perfect.

One part of it said women are pressured to “always stand out and always be grateful. But never forget that the system is rigged. So find a way to acknowledge that but also always be grateful.”

So back to the rose-coloured glasses...

Why am I blaming myself for having them? For not seeing clearly from the start?

I’m thinking about the story on page two of this paper today.

I won’t get into it – you can read about the alleged crime for yourself if you feel comfortable learning more.

But rose-coloured glasses. Every kid goes off to summer camp with a pair – excited for fun and adventures and making new friends, assuming the adults around them can be trusted.

Why should they have to even acknowledge the faulty system?

The young victims involved were robbed of their glasses from the individual at that camp.

It is innately far too wrong for children to have to see the world without a soft pink hue.

But beyond that, in this twisted world, we also don’t equip children and youth properly in schools with tools to recognize darkness where it exists to protect themselves and find trustworthy help. We shouldn’t have to, but clearly we need to.

And the fact that I, as a 23 year old woman, was blindsided by the Barbie movie, likely along with many others in that theatre, is proof that we still have rose-coloured glasses about life, about the patriarchy.

We’re going in the right direction, with millions of people even simply watching Barbie as a start.

But in the wise words of a song from Hairspray, one of my other favourite movies, “we’ve come so far, but we’ve got so far to go.”



vivian collings

Editorial



A monarch butterfly in evening light.

By Tammy Nash

Cottage critters

MONIKA LAY in bed while wanting to be somewhere else. A faint buzzing circled around her head. The situation reminded her of those cottage nights decades ago. Lying in the dark, tanned and tired after a day outdoors, the world had seemed perfect. An afternoon of picking wild raspberries, followed by a swim. The lake water had had a delicious stinging quality when it hit her many minuscule scratches left by the berry canes. But the warm water and gentle breezes quickly made everything OK. Until bedtime.

Monika was convinced then, as now, that there was some secret communication that alerted mosquitoes when she was available for biting. Was it the clean skin, a shade darker than mid-winter? Were they attracted by the earthy smell of old leaves and pine needles wafting in through the open cottage window?

Whatever the reason, it seemed as soon as her head hit the pillow in those days, the flying predators found her. And of course, they were invisible in the dark. She couldn’t find them but they could always find her.

Now older but not much wiser when it came to these summertime annoyances, she decided to fight back. Turning on the light she listened and looked. And there it was, ready to take a bite from her arm. Monika smacked it into a red splotch. She felt no guilt. It was a matter of revenge.

But mosquitoes were the only cottage critter that Monika detested. Even spiders didn’t bother her. She quite liked looking at their lacy webs glittering with early morning dew. No one could ever object to butterflies fluttering over wild flowers by the outhouse. And the suicidal moths that flung themselves at the nightly porch light elicited only sympathy.

Monika knew many people had problems with the bigger cottage critters as well. Mice for example. Her mother hated their nests when she found them in the dresser drawers come springtime. But Monika had also seen the tiny babies, eyes still closed

and shaking bodies when she stumbled across a nest in the woodpile. Seeing the bits of fluffy stuff fitted between logs, she had felt only a desperate hope that the mother mouse would return for them.

Do worms, frogs and grasshoppers qualify as critters, she wondered, lying now in her dark adult bedroom? Once she started thinking of the pesky mosquitoes, more childhood memories flooded in. Her dad had taught her about fishing and she had enjoyed sitting in the quiet dawn, learning about patience. But baiting the hook with squirming, crunchy living things had taken some of the shine off the experience.

She knew there were those who would laugh at this. And she had managed to hide her discomfort because having her father all to herself was more important.

Minnows were one of Monika’s favourite water critters. Whether underwater with her goggles or simply looking down into the sunlit river, she was entranced by the way their glistening bodies shone in the filtered sunlight. And if she was lucky and stayed

as still as she could, these tiny creatures approached her young feet as though curious about the giant in their midst.

Moving up the food chain, Monika now remembered the robins. Every year a nest of robins appeared over the back door. Their bald heads, consisting mostly of open beaks, begged for food. So vulnerable and yet in no time they were gone, thinly feathered and close to grown up.

So maybe I should thank that pesky mosquito she now thought. Its very sound was enough to take her back in time, when her days were filled with all the wonders of the natural world. Trees, bees and fish. Flowers, water and sunshine. Then she thought of how many people, both children and adult, who would never have the memories she had of lakes, and berries and cottage critters. Would her own grandchildren and great grandchildren be among them? And would they even know what they were missing?

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points of view

Water shoes

LAST WEEK, I went on a magazine assignment that required me to fly fish for a day on the Ottawa River from a drift boat – yes, I live a tough life.

Prior to the trip, the guide told us that every now and again, we'd park the boat on shore, and we would get out and wade fish some of the rapids. But he also told us that we could not wear wading boots with metal studs because they would mar the boat – and since metal-studded wading boots are all I own, my solution was to buy a pair of water shoes.

I know I am probably late to the game, but I have gone three-score and one year without ever owning a pair of water shoes. And boy do I regret it.

Water shoes are great. They are easy to put on and take off. They can get wet. They are comfortable. They dry out quick. You can stand in water and fish with them. And. Also, after you take them off, you can't tell for sure if what you are smelling is foot odor or river mud. In short, they are tailor-made for a guy my age – and honestly, the only shoe I think I will ever really need from here on in.

But try telling that to your spouse.

Inexplicably, Jenn has a totally different view of them.

For instance, even though I bought mine in basic black, she says she would never let me wear them with a suit should we ever be invited to attend another formal occasion again.



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Loon Tales

Even though they would be very practical for events such as these. (It was like the Crocs argument all over again.)

"Listen," I replied, "if we were at a wedding and someone spilled an entire punch bowl, what would you rather have on?"

Apparently, she wanted to finish the conversation in her office closet, because that's where I found her next.

"Also," I said, "you know how guys my age spill drinks. You have to concede that these water shoes are better in situations where three or more older fellows decide to do an overly enthusiastic toast."

And yet she did not.

I then regaled her with the various other advantages of water shoes. Such as the ability they provide to walk through, and not around, puddles – as well as the fact that pretty well one-size fits all, so if you are at a party and grab the wrong pair of water shoes, no big deal.

"Sure, they are not yet made in a variety of camouflage patterns, but nothing's perfect," I continued. "But at least they are shoes that you wear bare-footed, so you never have to worry about people noticing that your socks are mismatched ever again..."

Despite all this incontrovertible evidence, I was unable to convince Jenn that water shoes should be my primary shoe choice from here on in. I think this has something to do with her phobia of me becoming a trendsetter.

Nevertheless, I think this just might be the case.

But I won't lie to you. Water shoes do have one major fault.

Camouflaged or not, I'm discovering they are very easy to misplace. I'm pretty sure I left mine on our shoe rack yesterday. But, today, for the life of me, I just can't find them.



pic of the past

This week's pic of the past was originally brought in to the Echo by Gordon Barr of Gooderham back in 1980. It is of members of the LOL No. 1, Gooderham. This picture was taken on Mill Street in Gooderham just behind Barr's store at an Orange celebration on July 12, 1914. The members in the photo are Alex Casey, Gordon Johnston, William Johnston, Gordon Lake, George Johnston Haliburton, Jack Parker, Homer Wright, Jack Morrison, drummer, Fred Simmons, George Hutchinson, head, William Fred White, Dave Morrison, banner bearer, Sam Mintz, Davery Madill, drummer, Edward Gill, kettle drum, George Waite Sr., Lorne Mintz, Jack Adams, Tom Madill Sr., Tom Madill Jr., John White Sr., Sampson Wright, Warren Mintz, Tom Hambley, end. Back front of banner, John Winn Sr., seated whisker, Garnet Hadley, banner strings, Louis Mintz, Roy White, banner string, Willie Madill, Cecil White, banner string, John Spencer, Oren Switzer, Archie Riley, Howard Gill, Bert Mintz, Stanley Higgins and Hank Mintz.

letters to the editor

Rebuilding

To the Editor,

There are two extra-special kind-hearts in our community who might be mortified if I named them too publicly. Last winter, each of these women clamoured to shelter my partner and me when we suddenly needed temporary housing. So after the fire, we gratefully split our time between both their addresses. We needed to decide immediately, and we knew both those women best.

As our charred little bungalow finally begins its reconstruction this summer, we're emerging from our nine-month blur to note that there's also been another sort of rebuilding. A burned house also means ruined belongings. We lost our separate and shared valuables as well. In one sudden Sunday moment late last November, we instantly needed to reboot. By suppertime we had free places to sleep, someone else's dinner and dessert rerouted our way, and many more kind offers than we knew how to welcome.

But we noted them all. Although it takes jungles of red tape and patience to wait for resolutions, we both knew we'd found immediate quiet and safety to help us until we could have back our own original address.

From all of this waiting have come many unexpected dividends. I personally marvelled over traditional casseroles, tasted my first moose stew, wrote many poems and stories, fell asleep to nearby peepers and loons, got to show off my omelettes, French toast, crazy salads and 'Christmas burgers.' I gathered new recipes. I got more familiar with feeder birds, our feral cat, neighbours, online ordering, local post offices. I rediscovered my partner, myself. I counted many blessings out loud. I visited old pals down in the city. I read and reflected, studied documentaries, started this year's herbs from seed. I became a 'meme queen', and reposted pretty much everything I found funny to my pals on social media. We even

invited a few available buddies to a huge belated full-fare Yuletide feast around summer solstice! I got to closely observe the births of all four seasons as they played out over two Haliburton County lakes. I doubled my daily intake of caffeine. And I picked up a brush and tried painting with coffee... apparently, it's 'a thing'.

By fall, there'll be a fresh sweet house for us to return to, with fresh sweet belongings in it. And though a lovely team of professionals will construct it for us, we both knew early on to instantly start planning and collecting for it. So we received, accepted and collected: frozen meals, donated winter clothing, books, jewelry, DVDs, games, thrift store furniture, bedding, pre-lit Christmas tree. Baked goods, big mugs for tea, small appliances, plants, paintings, quilts. We began to install brand new outfits and shoes into borrowed cupboards. And despite some popular resistance, Amazon became quite the friend.

Among that original flood of invitations to relocate while we wait for our rebuild, we've never regretted accepting the immediate offers of those two kind women. Already local friends. Close to us. Scared for us. There for us. Thinking for us. Their only conditions revolved around our comfort, peace and recovery.

Our wait for this house already rebuilds foundations. Of confidence. Of friendship. Of trust and faith. Of neighbours, family, community. Of wide open ways to communicate. Of dreams and commitment. Of thankfulness. Of priorities.

From the ashes of almost 60 years of timber and shingles has come what was there all along. What can't disappear.

Humanity.

Deb Reid,
Haliburton

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Jamming in Gooderham

The Rockin' Bobs perform during the Gooderham Music Festival on Saturday, July 29 at the Robert McCausland Community Centre. The day featured a barbecue, free admission, and performances by four bands throughout the day. /TIM YANO Special to the Echo



An organizer shows off delicious triple berry pie made for the Gooderham Music Festival.



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The Artists encourage you to call for directions, appointments and future visits.

Distances on map are approximate

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Remains of county's oldest known turtle found

VIVIAN COLLINGS

Editor

The Turtle Guardians recently announced a tragic end to Amazing Grace's story.

Remains of a large snapping turtle with distinguishing features were found at the Koshlong Lake dam, close to 15 kilometres away from her traditional grounds.

"We are certain that these are of our beloved friend, as the ocular bones are a match for the unusual form of her eyes, and her suture lines (connections between bone plates) are a match to Grace's unique carapace," said Turtle Guardians founder Leora Berman in a statement.

Berman said because of the nature of her remains and where they were found, human intervention likely caused the death of the 125+ year old turtle.

"They were bleached white with no flesh remaining, but all in one location, meaning that she had died months before she was found, but obviously not through predation," Berman said.

The search for Grace began in 2022 after a portion of the wetland she frequented off County Road 1 in Haliburton was filled.

Berman explained that it's unheard of for turtles to travel such distances from her original location, especially within the time she went missing.

"Territories are like their languages, and changing territorial boundaries means learning a new language which tends to take time, therefore the only logical explanation is that she was moved to

that location/translocated," Berman said.

There are a few reasons why Grace likely didn't survive last winter in a new area, all stemming from her displacement.

"She was found in an open lake that is not a known choice for snapping turtles to overwinter in, and therefore the conditions in the lake may not have allowed her to survive the winter. Also displaced turtles can become stressed which can lead to sickness. So while it is highly doubtful she was predated, nor is it likely she "suddenly died of old age", the exact cause is a mystery, but biologically and behaviourally her passing relates to her being displaced," Berman said.

The Turtle Guardians mourn this loss with the community, as it signifies deeper issues within Haliburton County.

"It is extremely sad and a huge loss for this community as she was an icon, a loss for our lakes and wildlife because of her role, a loss for future generations of turtles as elders are essential to continue lineages, a loss for science because she was so unique, and also for the world who watched her too," Berman said.

Berman said the responsibility of protecting species like Grace fall in the hands of municipal governments.

Those hoping to see a change can volunteer with local conservation organizations and sign the petition, www.change.org/p/in-the-name-of-grace-the-one-eyed-ancient-turtle-help-to-stop-the-loss-of-wildlife-and-wetlands-across-ontario.

"I think the take away is a lot of learning; that what we think is disposable is actually invaluable to our health and future, what we think is recognized and

protected may actually slip through the cracks, and that it is not hard to find a balance between people and wildlife, protection and development, but this to hap-

pen we need to pay attention and speak out, and for this council to uphold their responsibilities," Berman said.

Kash Art on the Water returns

VIVIAN COLLINGS

Editor

The Kash Art on the Water tour is back to showcase the county's diverse arts community for a third year.

Twenty-five artisans are participating on 11 properties around Kashagawigamog Lake on Saturday, Aug. 12 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

"We have pottery, painters, we have woodworking, jewelry, clothing, abstract art, and we have a tarot reader this year on Puffer Island," said co-organizer Lesley Sahakian. "That's the most artists we've ever had which is really exciting. What we've done this year to try and make it more accessible for everyone is instead of having a lot of properties, we've brought multiple artisans onto the other artist's properties."

She said artists from neighbouring lakes are joining in this year.

Five artists will be located at the Bonnie View.

"People can go to the Bonnie View half-way through, have a drink or something

to eat on the patio, check out the artisans, and then continue on. Kate's Burger Counter is a great stop too for food or ice cream," Sahakian said.

Accessible by water or land, the event started three years ago from the community's desire for connection.

"During COVID, we thought that with everyone being stuck in their homes, and a lot of regular events having been cancelled around Haliburton, we thought this was a good opportunity to see others outdoors in a safe environment. That way, people could still come and support our local artisans, get to know people, and it really has been that," Sahakian said.

She said getting to know other artists around the lake as well as visitors has been the best part of Kash Art on the Water.

"When you visit different artisans, you get to know who they are, so it's a great community engagement event and is just something really fun to do on the lake," she said.

The map is accessible on www.lko.ca, on Instagram @kashartonthewater, and will be available in postcard form at each participating location.


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From Opera to Broadway

Queen Hezumuryango sings during From Opera to Broadway, a Highlands Opera Studio event combining opera and musical theatre solos and ensembles, at St. George's Anglican Church in Haliburton on Thursday, Aug. 3. /TIM YANO Special to the Echo

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 - 8. John Joseph __: American industrialist
 - 10. Manning and Whitney are two
 - 12. Abrupt
 - 13. Baroque musical instrument
 - 14. Post-burning residue
 - 16. When you hope to arrive
 - 17. Sign up (Brit. Eng.)
 - 19. Sun up in New York
 - 20. Employee stock ownership plan
 - 21. Where people live
 - 25. Method to record an electrogram
 - 26. Angry
 - 27. No longer living
 - 29. Simple
 - 30. Swiss river
 - 31. Portion of a play
 - 32. It's under the tree
 - 39. Wood sorrels
 - 41. No (Scottish)
 - 42. Dialect of English
 - 43. Former Steelers' QB
 - 44. Popular beer
 - 45. It can make you sick
 - 46. Tropical tree and fruit
 - 48. Company officer
 - 49. Contact lens term
 - 50. Your consciousness of your own identity
 - 51. "Ghetto Superstar" singer
 - 52. Piece of turf

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- 1. Number of players on each side in a football game
 - 2. Containing salt
 - 3. Reasoning or knowledge: a __
 - 4. Car mechanics group
 - 5. Leave a place
 - 6. Southern Colombian capital
 - 8. Old English letter
 - 9. Tide
 - 11. Walk heavily
 - 14. Chemical compound (abbr.)
 - 15. Artificial openings
 - 18. Luteinizing hormone
 - 19. Unit of energy
 - 20. Circular movement of water
 - 22. A way of holding
 - 23. Popular book of words (abbr.)
 - 24. States' group
 - 27. Dashes
 - 28. Body part
 - 29. Electronic countermeasures
 - 31. Consumed
 - 32. Small bird
 - 33. Unhappy
 - 34. Football's big game (abbr.)
 - 35. Valued object offered in good faith
 - 36. Wild goats
 - 37. Precede in place
 - 38. Small edible fish
 - 39. Notice of death
 - 40. Body cavity of a metazoan
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In its inaugural year, the Haliburton Track and Field Club competed at the Minor Track Association Championship held in Brampton on July 29 and 30. The meet included 759 athletes from across Ontario. Ten local athletes attended the competition.

Despite the buckets of rain Saturday, Haliburton athletes put their best foot forward and finished with some strong performances.

Top eight finishes included: Evan Backus, second in 200m hurdles, fourth in long jump and fifth in the 800m; Graham Backus - third in triple jump; fourth in 200m hurdles and eighth in the 400m; Lilly Casey - eighth in the 200m hurdles; Annika Gervais - seventh in the 400m; Linus Gervais - eighth in the 800m and fourth in 200m hurdles; Addyson Parish - fourth in triple jump; Madelyn Walker - third in triple jump and fifth in long jump; Patrick Valentini - third in discus, sixth in shot put and fifth in triple jump. The Intermediate Girls 4 x 100m relay team of Walker, Parish, Casey and Isabella Valentini also

finished in fourth.

Notable runs from Izzy Valentini placing 10th in the 400m and Annika Gervais who was 10th in the 1500m and ran a gutsy finishing leg on the Intermediate Girls Sprint Medley Team. Addyson Parish stepped up to run the 400m leg on this team with Walker and Casey, running the 200m sections. The girls team finished fifth in a very close race against strong club teams.

Paige Hough was unfortunately unable to compete in her events as the rain prevented the high jump and javelin from being able to be held safely on Saturday.

The team is looking forward to continuing their summer track program next year and participating in more competitions with the Minor Track Association.

A big thank you to Al Hough and Walter Tose for their support in preparing athletes for the competition.


Submitted Karen Gervais



Haliburton athletes show off their awards at the Minor Track Association Championships. /Submitted



Linus Gervais runs to the head of the pack at the start of the Atom Boys 800m. /Submitted



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In the matter of the *Municipal Act* and in the matter of a proposed By-law of the Corporation of the Municipality of Highlands East to close, stop-up and convey certain portions of a Shore Road Allowance along the shore of **Koshlong Lake**, more particularly hereinafter described.

Notice Is Hereby Given, pursuant to the *Municipal Act*, S.O. 2001, and the Municipal Procedures, that the Township Council of The Corporation of the Municipality of Highlands East proposes to consider and if deemed advisable, to pass at a virtual meeting on **Tuesday, September 12, 2023, 9:00 a.m.**, a By-Law to close, stop-up and convey to the adjacent land owners the following described lands:

Firstly: Part of Lot 8, Concession 15, Designated as Road Allowance on Crown Land Survey attached to H20431 on Plan of Survey 19R-10839, made by **Bishop Geyer Surveying Inc. completed October 14, 2022.**

Secondly: Part of the Original Shore Road Allowance in front of Lot 8, Concession 15 on Plan of Survey 19R-10839, made by **Bishop Geyer Surveying Inc. completed October 14, 2022.**

The Plan of Survey 19R-10839 is available to you for inspection by you making an appointment at the Municipality of Highlands East offices, Wilberforce, Ontario.

The above described lands, by resolution, have been declared to be surplus. If you wish to attend the virtual meeting, please call or e-mail the Municipal Clerk prior to the day of the public meeting so you can be provided with a link or phone number for the meeting. If you do not have the capability to attend a virtual meeting, please provide written comments to the Municipal Clerk prior to the public meeting.

Any person or his or her counsel, solicitor or agent who attends the virtual meeting shall be afforded an opportunity to make representations in respect of the within matter.

And Take Further Notice that if the public wishes to participate regarding the purchase of Part of the Shoreline Road Allowance please contact the Municipal Clerk.

Dated at the Municipality of Highlands East, Wilberforce, Ontario this 8th day of August, 2023.

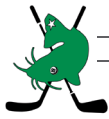
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Patrick Valentini launches the shot put in the Atom Boys competition.



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Behind the success of this incredible day was an ambitious team of volunteers led by golf committee co-chairs, Troy Austen and Vince Duchene, including David Blodgett, Susannah Moylan, Klara Oyler & Melanie Klodt Wong. They envisioned a day of golf, comradery and friendly competition to bolster health resources in our county.

All of this would not have been possible without the generous and steadfast support of Matt Duchene and his family who put their hearts and souls into this year after year. Thank you. Here's to you, our true champions, golfers and sponsors, for making this happen.

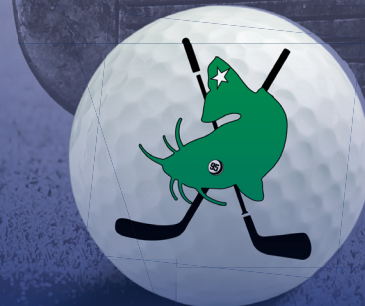
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Spirit of volunteerism high amongst local youth

CHRISTINE CARR

Staff Reporter

The spirit of volunteerism is high amongst many of Haliburton County's youth, and that is especially true for 14-year old Ella Gervais. Ella, who is currently entering her grade 10 year at HHSS, spends her summers giving back to the community that raised her. She has spent the last two summers volunteering her time at South Algonquin Camp located at Winding River Equine, helping a new generation develop a love of horses.

Spending her days helping kids at the camp, Ella has already far surpassed the forty hours of community service required for graduation. Earning approximately 105 volunteer hours before her first day of Grade 9, this year she is volunteering even more hours and will far surpass that number.

"I chose to volunteer here because I love working with horses and helping others develop their riding and horsemanship skills. It also comes with many learning opportunities and a chance to get out of the house. As a bonus, many of my friends volunteer/work here," Ella said about why she chose to volunteer at the camp.

South Algonquin Camp offers summer day camps for kids interested in learning more about horses. It has a number of youth that volunteer, ensuring that campers have a great time and develop their own love for horses.

Teri Lindsay, the owner of the camp, described what the program is like for campers.

"Everything they do all day is horse

related. They come in, if they've never had any interaction with horses before we start right at the very beginning...teaching them all the horse care stuff. Every day they get to ride twice. A lot of what the leaders do is making sure the kids stay safe around the animals," she said.

The volunteer leaders such as Ella were all once campers that completed the program, proving their worth and knowledge as young learners. "To have the leaders out in the rings able to...make sure that they stay safe out there is really essential. It means the kids get to do a lot more," Lindsay said.

Ella, who has Type 1 diabetes, never lets that slow her down. "Despite the medical challenges that she has, she doesn't let that slow her down. A lot of kids would take that and go, 'Oh, I can't do that' she is like, 'yeah, whatever, let me carry on'... she has lots of reasons she could use as excuses to not do things and she doesn't," said Lindsay.

Lindsay described how she has seen Ella grow and change over the course of her time volunteering with the camp as her leadership skills have improved.

"She is so enthusiastic. She is always willing to help. She is one of those kids who looks ahead and sees what needs to be done...she is one of the best, most organized kids I have. Her attention to detail and making sure things get done correctly is really amazing to me, even more this year than last year. She has really come a long way..." Lindsay said.

Catherine Andress, Ella's mother, described how Ella has improved her skills over her time volunteering. "She has certainly learned many skills through

her two summers of volunteering—things about organization and managing people, and, of course, horses. I especially love watching the confidence that grows from this".

Volunteerism is high in Haliburton County, and today's youth are no exception. Ella, along with her friends, looks forward to continuing to volunteer at and participate in programs at Winding River Equine all year long.

As one of a number of local youth volunteering at South Algonquin Camp, Ella is proof that today's youth are doing great things. To learn more about the day camp visit Winding River Equine at www.southalgonquincamp.ca.

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I chose to volunteer here because I love working with horses and helping others develop their riding and horsemanship skills.

— Ella Gervais



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The municipality has no obligation to provide vacant possession to the successful purchaser.

A copy of the prescribed form of tender is available on the website of the Government of Ontario Central Forms Repository under the listing for the Ministry of Municipal Affairs.

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Residents are invited to decorate the headstones of their loved ones on August 13, 2023.

No Service this year.

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 Celebration of Life for **Mabel Hewitt-Brannigan**
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To be held at the Mabel Brannigan Royal Canadian Legion Br.636, 12847 Highway 35, Minden Ont. on **Aug 17, 2023.**

A social gathering will begin at 2:00 pm with a service at 2:45 pm.



650 OBITUARIES



In Loving Memory of **Leo Patrick Monaghan**

Age 64 left this earth on July 26, 2023, after a warrior battle with cancer.

Pat was born in Grimsby, Ontario in 1959 to Beverley and Peter Monaghan. Pat is survived by his mother Beverley (Charles Boudreau), brothers Michael Shawn, Norman Daniel (Christine) and sister Kelly Quail (Edwin). Also nieces Tamara Monaghan, and Leighla Quail, nephews Thomas Monaghan, James Quail. Pat was loved by aunts and uncles and many cousins; best friends Mary and Derrick Squires and Louise and Glen Moore. Pat's last words were about his love for Christine McKenney, and family and friends are grateful for her loving care. His passion was family, friends, animals, Classic vehicles, and especially Blues Music. Pat was well known for his Buckslide Dog treats and his Buckslide Blues Cruise radio show on Canoe FM reaching an audience across Canada and the United States. Pat won 3 NCRA awards for his radio show and an award from the Toronto Maple Blues Society for promoting Blues Music. In Memphis, TN a brick with his name has been added to the Walk of Fame. Pat will be missed by his family and many friends. A private service will be held for the immediate family.

A Celebration of Life will be held at the Haliburton Legion on September 23rd from 4 pm to 9 pm. There will be an open Mic for those who wish to speak.

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In Loving Memory of **Kenneth Hamilton Smith**


Dedicated and loving husband, father, grandfather and friend, passed away in his sleep at home in Haliburton on the morning of August 1st.

Husband of Chalene Smith, father to Jamie (predeceased), Todd, Sandra and Kendra, and Grandpa to Graedyn, Carson, Tehya, Jordyn, Mason, and Serena. Ken was born to Henry and Dorothy Smith (nee Morris) in Saskatchewan and he grew up in Windsor, Ontario.

After initially becoming a teacher, Ken changed direction and pursued what became a lifelong and very successful career in sales. Ken retired as national sales manager of consumer products at 3M Canada. Ken and Chalene met and fell in love in high school in Windsor. After a brief period working and living in the United States, Ken and Chalene settled for 30 years to raise their family in rural Nassagaweya in the Town of Milton. Ken and Chalene retired to Haliburton in 1999. Ken loved life and was a passionate golfer, curler, and fisherman. Ken will be dearly missed by all who loved him, including friends and family in the United States and Canada.

Cremation has taken place, and at his request a formal reception is not planned.

In lieu of flowers, the family kindly requests donations be given in Ken's memory to HHHSF -Community Services/Palliative care and can be arranged through the Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home Ltd., P.O. Box 427, Minden, Ontario K0M 2K0.



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Liberal ready for a fight

MARTHA PERKINS

Editor

It's time for Canadians to decide the future of this country, says the riding's Liberal candidate.

Marlene White says she and her party are ready and willing to wage a fight for people's votes in a federal election.

"With the Green Shift plan this would be a wonderful time for us to go to the polls," she said during a visit to Haliburton on Thursday. "People need to talk about this plan and its impact on our country and our planet. We need a Liberal government to be elected and in power to put these policies in place."

"I'm passionate about our country. I'm not happy with the way it's drifting and there needs to be some change."

She says it was right to wait for the country to get to know her leader, Stéphane Dion, before challenging the minority Conservative government. He was not the party's leader in the last federal election in January of 2006. "We needed some time to get to know Stéphane Dion and all of his positive qualities and see what he's keen about and his vision for Canada."

Both Dion and Prime Minister Stephen Harper are making noises about prompting an election.

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MATT JAMES/Echo

Sweet, sweet madness

Sydney Cameron, 10, of Haliburton loves her cotton candy, and the *Echo's* Midnight Madness event on Friday, August 1 couldn't have gone any better. The *Echo's* general manager David Zilstra said this year's event marked the 20th anniversary. For more fun photos see page 3 and visit the photo gallery at www.haliburtonecho.ca.

Passport panic may be avoided

GREG HOEKSTRA

Staff Reporter

A record number of Canadians are expected to apply for passports over the next year in anticipation of stricter requirements to enter the U.S., but local MP Barry Devolin says his constituents shouldn't panic just yet.

As is stands now, anyone hoping to enter the U.S. by land or water will need a passport as of June 1, 2009, which could result in a surge of as many as 5.2 million passport applications by next April, the Canadian Press reported recently.

But in an interview with the *Echo* last week, Devolin said his government is now looking for alternatives that could help Canada circumvent the looming deadline and avoid huge backlogs at Passport Canada.

"What we're hoping is that we can come up with an alternative before June 2009, and that's what the government of Canada is working on," said Devolin. "People shouldn't need a passport if they're just looking to drive to Buffalo for some chicken wings."

Instead, Devolin said the government is looking at smart enhanced drivers' licences that could streamline border crossings between the neighbouring countries without the need for an \$87 passport. A pilot project is already being tested in British Columbia and Washington state.

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